

**Statement of Scott Bedingfield, Deputy Principal of St Luke's Grammar School,
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1. I am the Deputy Principal of St Luke's Grammar School at Dee Why and part of my responsibility is overseeing the delivery of children to the School in the mornings and the pick-up of the children from the School in the afternoon.
2. One of the changes sought by St Luke's Grammar School (St Luke's) was to have the Northern Beaches Council change the "2 Minute Parking" during drop off and pick up times in Tango Avenue Drop and Go bay to "no parking" to overcome a problem caused by parents parking their car in the Drop and Go bay.
3. The parking of parents' cars in the Drop and Go bay caused queues to extend around the corner into Quirk Street and then into Headland Road, causing the "choke point" referred to by Northern Beaches Council in its report to the Sydney North Planning Panel.
4. However, the School has found a way around this "2 Minute Parking" problem by implementing their new Traffic Management Plan. Key features of the new TMP are:
 - (a) parents cannot get out of his/her car;
 - (b) cars move moving forward to minimize delays;
 - (c) the family name is clearly displayed on the windshield of each car so that teachers can deliver the child to the car without delay. Students are called to the kerb before their parent arrives at the pick-up point;
 - (d) there are 5 cars loaded at one time in the 12 space bays. Then the next 5 cars move forward, by which time the student is waiting at the designated pick-up point to get into the car.
 - (e) there are up to 12 staff rostered on each afternoon to manage the TMP pick-up operations. Annexed and marked "A" is a copy of School Rosters which includes drop off and pick up;
 - (f) significantly, it is no longer possible for parents to park in the "2 Minute Parking" zone due to the intensive management of the TMP by School staff.
5. In addition to the new TMP, the ending of lessons is now staggered as follows:
 - (a) Preschool finishes at 2:45 pm;
 - (b) Kindergarten to Year 2 finishes at 2:55 pm;
 - (c) Year 3 to 6 finishes at 3:05 pm;
 - (d) Year 7 to 12 finishes at 3:20 pm; and
 - (e) Some high school students don't finish until after 4:00 pm.
6. The new TMP has resulted in a dramatic reduction in queuing around the School site.
7. The busy times are now just after 2:55 pm (approximately 5 minutes) and just after 3:05 pm (approximately 5-10 minutes):
 - (a) The preschool "queue" is fully contained in the Tango Avenue Drop and Go bay;
 - (b) The junior primary school K to Year 2 and year 3 – 6 queue may extend around the corner into Quirk Avenue, however this is dealt with quickly;

- (c) There are infrequent queues associated with High School – this is simply a non-event in traffic terms.
8. In summary, the only queues that occur under the new TMP system occur around 3:00 pm for a very short duration, just 5-10 minutes:
- there are infrequent queues later in the afternoon associated with the high school.
9. There will be no change to preschool or primary school student numbers.
10. The only change in the student numbers is for high school, which no longer cause any traffic problems.
11. In addition, the School has resolved to introduce a rule as follows:

No student driving to School is permitted to park within 50 metres of the School boundary being the boundary at the corner of Headland Road and Quirk Street, Quirk Street and Tango Avenue, and the northern boundary of the School's land on Tango Avenue.

Upon a complaint being made, giving the registration number of the vehicle, provided the vehicle is one which has been driven by one of our students, that student will be spoken to and disciplined, and the motor vehicle will be moved.

12. In the photographic essay below, please note that each of the photographs is date stamped and the time the photographic was taken is recorded on the photograph. I shall not repeat those details.

Mornings

13. Each morning from 8.00am to 8.30am up to 5 staff are located on Tango Avenue to assist students exit their vehicles. This system enables the continued flow of traffic around our site.
14. Parents are asked to:
- Move as far forward in the line as you can
 - Keep close to the kerb
 - Remain in your car
 - Have your child/ren's school bags in the vehicle (not in the boot)
 - Students will exit from the passenger side of the vehicle
 - Continue in the same direction down Tango Ave. Do not u-turn.
 - Do not double park or overtake in the zone
15. Below is a series of photos taken at regular intervals that show how this flow occurs in the morning.

Photograph A: 2 teachers ready for arrivals at 8.01am in Tango Avenue



Photograph B: 3 teachers in Tango Avenue by 8.03am



Photograph C: 3 teachers in Tango Avenue by 8.05am. St Luke's School Bus drop off



Photograph D: Tango Avenue at 8.07am



Photograph E: Tango Avenue at 8.09am



Photograph F: Tango Avenue at 8.11am



Photograph G: Tango Avenue at 8.19am



Photograph H: Tango Avenue at 8.13am - 5 teachers present



Photograph I: Tango Avenue at 8.15am



Photograph J: Tango Avenue at 8.17am



Photograph K: Tango Avenue at 8.19am



Photograph L: Tango Avenue at 8.21am



Photograph M: Tango Avenue at 8.23am



Photograph N: Tango Avenue at 8.25am



Photograph O: Tango Avenue at 8.25am - 5 teachers present



Photograph P: Tango Avenue at 8.35am



Photograph Q: Tango Avenue at 8.31am



Photograph R: Tango Avenue at 8.33am



Photograph S: Tango Avenue at 8.35am



Afternoons

16. In the afternoons there are three ways that students depart our campus. 1. Walking, 2. Buses and 3. Picked up by parents.
17. To deal with the traffic we have instituted a number of measures to enable the traffic congestion around our site is kept to a minimum.
 - (a) In 2019 we have further staggered finish times. (Pre-Kindergarten) – 2.45pm, Kindergarten to Year 2 – 2.55pm, Year 3 to 6 – 3.05pm, Year 7 to 12 – 3.20pm.
 - (b) We have instituted a system whereby buses now leave from Headland Road bus bay and Quirk street is only used as an overflow. This means more busses are now off the road when picking up students.
 - (c) Students departing the site by foot are asked to cross the road at the corner of Tango and Quirk, so they are not on Headland Road
 - (d) All students who are catching a bus are kept on site until their bus is ready to pick them up.
18. Below is a series of photographs showing our plan in action on a typical afternoon. All year groups were at school on this day.

2.45pm – Pre-Kindergarten students await to be picked up by parents the teacher escorts students to their vehicles. Parents have name cards on their vehicles to enable the correct student to be called to their vehicle

Photograph AA: Pre-school (Cottage) Children being held awaiting pick up



Photograph BB: Pre-school (Cottage) Children – teacher escorting child to car



19. The following photos show the traffic during this time.

Photographs CC: Tango Avenue at 14.46pm – child delivered



Tango Avenue – teacher closes car door



Photographs DD: Tango Avenue at 14.48pm – car departed



Tango Avenue at 14.50pm



Photograph EE: Tango Avenue at 14.53pm



At 2.55pm K – 2 start to depart.

Students wait inside the school gate to be collected by their parents in vehicles. The students are called out of the gates by a member of staff on a microphone toward the end of Tango Ave, so that the students are ready to be collected by the time the parents are at the appropriate position.

Students Waiting

Staff on microphone calling students

Photograph FF: Years K – 2 in waiting area



Photograph GG: Tango Avenue – me calling the names of the students by microphone



Students who have a bus to catch are supervised internally and students who are picked up by their parents who walk into the school are picked up from our Northern entrance on Tango Avenue (called the Art Gate)

20. The following photos show this system in operation.

Photograph HH: Tango Avenue – Pick up system in progress



Photograph II: Tango Avenue – Pick up system in progress



Pick Up System

Art Gate – Foot Pick Up

Photographs show pick up operation

Photograph JJ



Photograph KK



Photograph LL



One afternoon I timed 90 car pick-ups in approximately 14 minutes.

Photographs show pick-up operation

Photograph MM



Photograph NN



Photograph OO



Photographs show pick-up operation

Photograph PP



Photograph QQ



Photograph RR



Traffic flow is able to continue around the site during this time. On occasions there is about 1-2 minute of build up during this time.

At 3.05pm Years 3-6 start to depart – Typically students are ready well before 3.05pm, when the system begins - The same system is used as K- 2.

The same pattern occurs and the following photographs show the pick-up in operation.

Photograph SS



Photograph TT



Photograph UU



Photograph VV



Photograph WW



To ensure this operation works smoothly a staff member is placed on the corner of Headland Road and Quirk Street in order to request parents keep traveling around the block until space is free, this way Headland Rd remains clear.

Quirk and Tango

Photograph XX



Photograph YY: Looking to staff member on Headland and Quirk



Photograph ZZ: Quirk and Tango Streets



Photograph AAA



Photograph BBB



This system in 2019 has dramatically reduced the congestion around our campus (see above at 3.15pm) and any further staggering of times, is not necessary to keep the flow around our campus.

There is some traffic on Quirk street for approximately 6 – 7 minutes.

At 3.20pm Senior Students are dismissed from classes.

Junior School students who catch the Bus are held on site until the buses are ready depart.

Photograph CCC



A bus coordinator monitors buses while working with other staff on walkie talkies. When busses arrive, students are called to their buses.

Photograph DDD: Teacher on microphone and walkie-talkie to move the Senior Students onto the buses quickly



Buses use the bays on Headland with overflow on Tango.

Photograph EEE: Senior school buses



Photograph FFF



Photograph GGG



21. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, this statement is true and correct.

Dated: 3 May 2019

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Witness:
Jane Hughes
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Junior School Playground Duty Roster - highlighted are the Drop Off and Pick up Duties. Names have been redacted for privacy.

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